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Dear Mom and Dad,

Diane just went down to the playground with Marnie and Catherine to watch Debbie at soccer practice. She was so excited about it, and took her thermos with grape juice in it, along. Our weather has turned warm again, and was in the 80's today.

The house looks very nice now that I've had time to fix it up, and I even rented an electric hedge cutter, and trimmed our hedges outside. I had our Democratic wives group over here Wed., which gave me an added incentive to fix things up.

I enjoyed your letter I got yesterday, Mom, and don't want you to worry about what Mike says about us moving back there. In fact, I don't even bring up the subject. I mailed a photograph today to Mike's parents that I had

blown up, which was a good picture of Mike, Sue & Diane on her birthday. Next week are their birthdays and their anniversary.

Diane just came home exhausted, and is going back to watch her programs in the guest room. In about 10 minutes the doorbell will ring, and it will be Irene, who just got home and come over to play before dinner.

My computer class is getting very interesting and I'm learning the answers to the questions I was asking Dad the other day on the phone. We're learning about converting to binary numbers, and codes, and how the bits are stored. I am beginning to understand how the computer can work.

I went shopping at Tyson's Corner today, and saw a show "My Bodyguard" which was just excellent. It was about the only show on now that had good reviews.

Love, Mary